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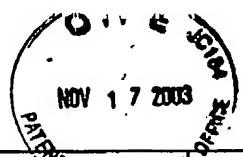
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<i>J</i>	DE	4,139,917	02/20/1979	Fenwick			
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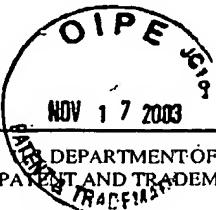
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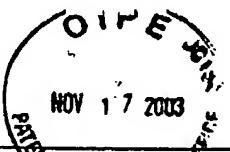
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	HD	5,235,713	08/17/1993	Guthrie et al.			
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